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SUBJECT: RELATIONS WITH AFGHAN REGIME

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1. IRANIAN AMBASSADOR HERE CONFIRMED TO SISCO EARLY A.M.
JULY 21 THAT IRANIAN GOVERNMENT GOING AHEAD TODAY TO
RECOGNIZE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT. PAK AMBASSADOR SULTAN KHAN
CALLED SHORTLY THEREAFTER TO EXPRESS PROFUSE THANKS OF
PRESIDENT BHUTTO, TO USG AND TO SISCO IN PARTICULAR FOR
UNDERSTANDING SHOWN IN INDICATING OUR WILLINGNESS TO DELAY
UNTIL JULY 23 OUR INDICATIONS TO AFGHAN GOVERNMENT, IN
DEFERENCE TO BHUTTO DESIRE TO TALK IT OVER WITH SHAH ON

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THAT DATE IN LONDON. BHUTTO SAID IN VIEW OF IRANIAN ACTION,

HE AGREES THERE IS NO REASON FOR USG TO DELAY AND USG SHOULD GO AHEAD. HE SAID THAT PAK GOVERNMENT WILL TAKE SIMILAR MOVE MORE OR LESS CONCURRENTLY. IN COURSE OF CONVERSATION, SISCO INDICATED PLAN TO INSTRUCT NEUMANN TO INFORM AFGHAN GOVERNMENT AS SOON AS HE CAN- SISCO SAID HE EXPECTED THIS WOULD TAKE PLACE SOMETIME ON JULY 22. SULTAN KHAN SAID THEY HOPE WE CAN DO IT ON JULY 22, AND THAT THEY ALSO WILL HAVE TAKEN APPROPRIATE STEPS BY THE EVENING OF JULY 22. HE SAID BHUTTO WAS CALLING IN SOVIET AMBASSADOR IN BERN TO GIVE SOVIETS PRIOR NOTIFICATION OF STEP GOP WILL TAKE.

2. JUDGING FROM REACTION HERE OF BOTH IRANIANS AND PAKS, OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT FULLY WITH THEM HAS PAID OFF DIVIDENDS. BOTH WERE OBVIOUSLY PLEASED U.S. TAKING THEIR VIEWS FULLY INTO ACCOUNT.

3. FOR KABUL: BELIEVE REESTABLISHMENT OF NORMAL CONTACT WITH NEW REGIME IS BEST ACCOMPLISHED BY DIRECT ORAL COMMUNICATION TO PRESIDENT DAUD OR APPROPRIATE OFFICIAL TO INFORM REGIME THAT WE SEEK TO CONTINUE LONG-STANDING WARM RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT OF AFGHANISTAN. IF YOU ARE ASKED DIRECTLY WHETHER OR WHEN U.S. WOULD "RECOGNIZE" REGIME, YOU SHOULD REPLY THAT U.S. WILL INFORM PRESS IN APPROPRIATE MANNER OF CONTINUATION OF RELATIONS. WE ARE SENDING YOU BY SEPTTEL SPECIFIC SUBJECT YOU SHOULD RAISE DURING YOUR CONVERSATION.

4. IN LIGHT OF LOW-KEY APPROACH WITH ITS EMPHASIS NOT ON "RECOGNITION" BUT RATHER ON CONTINUITY IN OUR RELATIONS WITH AFGHANISTAN, WE INTEND TO TAKE NO INITIATIVE IN ANNOUNCING THIS MOVE PUBLICLY. WE WILL MAKE LOW-KEY RESPONSE TO ANY PRESS QUERY, ONCE YOU HAVE INFORMED US OF ACTION YOU HAVE TAKEN.

5. FOR LONDON: PLEASE INFORM FCO. FYI: IN JULY 20 MEETING HERE WE TOLD BRITISH EMBASSY THAT WE WERE ALSO CONSULTING WITH OTHER CENTO ALLIES, BUT WERE HOPING TO MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY TO INFORM DAUD REGIME OF CONTINUITY
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OF RELATIONS.

6. FOR ANKARA AND TEHRAN: PLEASE TELL GOT AND GOI THAT WE APPRECIATE EXCHANGE OF VIEWS, AND INFORM THEM OF OUR INTENTIONS OUTLINED ABOVE.

7. FOR ROME: APPRECIATE YOUR 7210. YOU MAY INFORM GOI OF U.S. POSITION ABOVE AND AS EXPLAINED IN STATE 143450.

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